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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MORG, XF, XG, US
SUBJECT: DOD INSTALLATION AND ACTIVITY REDUCTIONS,
REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURES

1. THE SECDEF HAS APPROVED A NUMBER OF INSTALLATION AND ACTIVITY REALIGNMENTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND AREAS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THIS MESSAGE AUTHORIZES ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES TO INITIATE REQUIRED CONSULTATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REALIGNMENTS.
2. THESE ACTIONS ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN CANADA AND GREENLAND; IN EUROPE, IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, WEST BERLIN, ITALY AND THE UK; AND IN THE NEAR EAST IN TURKEY. THE SPECIFIC ACTIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED OR ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY UNTIL THE APPROPRIATE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ARE NOTIFIED, REQUIRED CONSULTATIONS ARE COMPLETED, AND APPROVAL IS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON. THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS SHOULD BE EXPEDITED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. DURING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE ACTIONS DO NOT AFFECT OUR DEFENSE COMMITMENTS BUT DO SERVE TO STREAMLINE OUR FORCES AND BASE STRUCTURE OVERSEAS.

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3. GENERAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON ON THE

TOTAL SCOPE OF ALL THE WORLDWIDE ACTIONS IS PROJECTED FOR MARCH 6, 1975. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT SPECIFY COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THESE REALIGNMENTS. TEXT, WHICH FOLLOWS SEPTEL, SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO HOST GOVERNMENTS DURING COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS.

4. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD COORDINATE WITH LOCAL U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES INVOLVED ON THE DETAILS OF THE ACTIONS PRIOR TO CONSULTATION WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EMBASSIES TO DISTINGUISH FOR HOST GOVERNMENTS THOSE ACTIONS WHICH MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY THROUGH MILITARY OR DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND THOSE WHICH WILL BE RAISED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A RESULT OF THIS MESSAGE. EMBASSIES SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THESE REALIGNMENTS ARE PART OF AN ONGOING PROGRAM TO STREAMLINE OUR FORCES, AND ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS/REALIGNMENTS MAY BE REQUIRED IN THE FUTURE TO ENSURE AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE U.S. OVERSEAS BASE STRUCTURE.

5. FOR USCINCEUR: FOR ACTIONS IN THE FRG AND TURKEY WHICH INVOLVE RELEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, USCINCEUR SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE PROPERTY IS REQUIRED TO MEET OTHER U.S. FORCES REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY BE INFORMED DURING THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS REGARDING PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY.

6. PUBLIC RELEASES IN HOST COUNTRIES: EMBASSIES SHOULD SOLICIT HOST COUNTRY VIEWS REGARDING POSSIBLE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS LOCALLY, AS APPROPRIATE. NORMAL PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR COORDINATING SUBSEQUENT LOCAL PUBLIC RELEASES WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, AND FOR INFORMING STATE AND DEFENSE WHEN NOTIFICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELEASES ARE MADE. PROPOSED NEWS RELEASES TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE Q'S AND A'S PLUS A RECOMMENDED RELEASE DATE/TIME SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR WASHINGTON REVIEW AND APPROVAL. USE FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED SUBJECT LINE: "PA GUIDANCE, FY 75 OVER-
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SEAS BASE REDUCTIONS." MESSAGE SHOULD REFERENCE THIS MESSAGE AND IDENTIFY ACTION. ALLOW A MINIMUM OF 10 WORKING DAYS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL IN WASHINGTON. OTHER REDUCTION, REALIGNMENT, CLOSURE ACTIONS WHICH MAY BE TAKING PLACE AT THE SAME BASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL PLANS, BUT NOT PART OF THE ACTION LISTED IN PARA 7 BELOW, SHOULD BE INCLUDED ALONG WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION AND SO IDENTIFIED.

INCLUDE NECESSARY DATA ON MILITARY, U.S. CIVILIAN, LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS REDUCED OR RELOCATED AND APPROPRIATE DATA (NAME, LOCATION, SIZE, RECIPIENT AGENCY, ETC.) INVOLVED IN DISPOSITION OF ANY REAL PROPERTY.

7. FOLLOWING ARE THE APPROVED ACTIONS TOGETHER WITH THE ESTIMATED PERSONNEL FIGURES INVOLVED BUT EXCLUDING ASSOCIATED DEPENDENT REDUCTIONS.

CANADA - AT GOOSE AIR BASE, LABRADOR, THE HEAD-QUARTERS 95TH SAC WING WILL BE INACTIVATED AND ALL OTHER U.S. AIR FORCE ACTIVITIES TERMINATED BY JULY 1976. THE 12 KC-135 AIRCRAFT WILL BE RE-LOCATED TO THEIR HOME BASES IN THE U.S. AND THE BASE FACILITIES USED BY USAF WILL BE RETURNED TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BY JULY 1976. THIS ACTION WILL ELIMINATE 592 U.S. MILITARY, 17 U.S. CIVILIAN AND 187 LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS. (FOR OTTAWA: THIS CONFIRMS DATA INFORMALLY PROVIDED GOC PURSUANT TO STATE 033425. QUESTIONS POSED IN OTTAWA 586 SUBJECT SEPTEL.)

GREENLAND - AT THULE AIR BASE, THE RESCUE DETACHMENT WITH 2 HH-3 AIRCRAFT WILL BE INACTIVATED BY JULY 1975. THIS ACTION WILL ELIMINATE 30 U.S. MILITARY POSITIONS. (FOR COPENHAGEN: THERE WILL BE NO RESIDUAL USAF AIR RESCUE CAPABILITY AT THULE THEREAFTER. IF ASKED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SONDRE STROMFJORD, YOU MAY SAY THAT THE US DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE MAJOR CHANGES IN ITS TENANCY AT THIS TIME.).

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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN - (A) AT ROTHWESTEN AIR STATION, KASSEL, THE COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WILL BE INACTIVATED AND THE STATION CLOSED AND RELEASED BY THE AIR FORCE BY JULY 1975. THIS ACTION WILL ELIMINATE 95 U.S. MILITARY, 2 U.S. CIVILIAN AND 33 LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS." (THIS ACTION IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORLDWIDE ELIMINATION OF THE 440L SYSTEM.) (B) AT TEMPELHOF CENTRAL AIRPORT (AIR BASE), BERLIN, A SUPPORT ACTIVITY DETACHMENT WILL BE INACTIVATED BY JULY 1975. THIS ACTION WILL ELIMINATE 57 U.S. MILITARY POSITIONS. (WE ARE CONSOLIDATING THE RADAR CONTROL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTER, THEREBY ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THIS ACTIVITY.)

ITALY - (A) AT AVIANO AIR BASE, ROVEREDO IN PIANO, THE 15TH COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON WILL BE INACTIVATED BY JULY 1975. THIS ACTION WILL ELIMINATE 166 U.S. MILITARY, 3 U.S. CIVILIAN AND 5 LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS. (B) AT SAN VITO AIR STATION, BRINDISI, 15TH COMMSQDN ACTIVITIES WILL BE INACTIVATED BY JULY 1975. THIS

ACTION WILL ELIMINATE 42 U.S. MILITARY AND 1 U.S. CIVILIAN POSITIONS. (BOTH ACTIONS INCLUDE 440L SITES)

TURKEY - AT SINOP STATION, SINOP, THE U.S. AIR FORCE SECURITY SERVICE SQUADRON AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT ELEMENTS WILL BE INACTIVATED PRIOR TO JUNE 1975,

WHICH WILL ELIMINATE 114 U.S. MILITARY POSITIONS. U.S. ARMY ACTIVITIES AT SINOP WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. AS A RESULT OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS LAST YEAR GOT IS AWARE OF THIS REALIGNMENT. THUS FURTHER CONSULTATION IS UNNECESSARY AND GIVEN THE PRESENT DELICACY OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS WE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT WISH AT THIS TIME TO DISCUSS WITH GOT OR MAKE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN TURKEY RELATING TO FORCE REDUCTIONS.

8. FOR LONDON: EMBASSY MAY NOW ADVISE FCO OFFICIALLY (REF LONDON 02248) THAT THE USG DESIRES TO TERMINATE
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NLT 30 JUNE 1975 ITS SUPPORT OF OVER THE HORIZON OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE RAF AT FELTWELL AND NIKOLAOS. SINCE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE 440L ACTIVITIES BEING CONDUCTED BY THE USG, WE THEREFORE PLAN TO PROPOSE TERMINATION OF APPLICABLE 440L AGREEMENTS.

9. FOR LONDON, ROME AND BONN. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE ON 440L TERMINATION IS PROVIDED FOR USE DURING CONSULTATIONS AS APPROPRIATE: DECISION REGARDING 440L SITES WILL BE PART OF A WORLD-WIDE PHASE-DOWN OF 440L SYSTEM. WHILE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS ARE MAJOR FACTOR IN OUR DECISION ON 440L, IT IS THE ABILITY OF OTHER DETECTION SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE ADVANCE WARNING AND ASSESSMENT OF ENEMY ATTACK THAT ENABLES US TO COME TO A DECISION TO DISPENSE WITH THE 440L SYSTEM.

10. FYI: APPROXIMATELY 24 HRS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE INDICATED GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT, THE CHAIRMEN AND COUNSELS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES WILL BE PROVIDED ON A CLASSIFIED BASIS WITH THE DETAILS OF ALL THE ACTIONS INCLUDED IN PARA 7 OF THIS MESSAGE.

11. EACH ACTION IN PARA 7 ABOVE BECOMES UNCLASSIFIED UPON AUTHORIZED PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. ENTIRE MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED ON JUNE 30, 1976. KISSINGER

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